Nominations open for three seats on cherry board

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MADISON – Wisconsin tart cherry growers may now nominate candidates for three open seats on the five-member Wisconsin Cherry Board. Two of the open seats would represent District 1, and one would represent District Two. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will accept nominations until April 1.

Completed nomination forms must include signatures from at least five eligible growers other than the nominee. The affidavit of eligibility, located on the nomination form, must also be completed and notarized.

DATCP will mail nomination forms and maps of the reapportioned districts to eligible growers. Growers who have not received nomination forms by March 15 or who have other questions about the nomination process should contact DATCP's Stacie Ashby at 608-224-5116 or Stacie.Ashby@Wisconsin.gov to have one mailed.

DATCP will conduct the Wisconsin Cherry Board election from May 15 through June 10. Elected producers will serve 3-year terms beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018.

Members of the cherry board voted in April 2014 to reapportion the districts to represent the eastern and western halves of Kewaunee and Door counties.

DATCP administers elections for Wisconsin commodity marketing boards. To learn more about the market order boards, visit http://datcp.wi.gov/About/Boards and Councils/Marketing Boards.